

Homeland Security Update

PPQ Stakeholders Meeting
December 2003

TRANSITION

- ❑ **December 2002 - Homeland Security Act**
- ❑ **February 2003 - MOA (USDA and DHS)**
- ❑ **March 2003**
 - ❖ **Creation of DHS CBP**
 - ❖ **APHIS sent 2561 employees (360 Vacancies)**
 - ❖ **Co-mingled Workforce**
- ❑ **October 1 - PPQ/CBP Separation**

SEPARATION AGREEMENT

- ❑ **October 1, 2003 goal**
- ❑ **Separate by Functions (MOA)**
- ❑ **Requests for Local Assistance**
 - ❖ **No Overtime**
 - ❖ **Export Cert., AQI inspection**
 - ❖ **Clearance of CITES material**

MOA Article 2

Functions Transferred to DHS CBP

- ☐ Passenger Baggage Inspection (&K9)
- ☐ Cargo Inspection
- ☐ Carrier Clearance
- ☐ Holds, Seizure, Remedial Measures
- ☐ Pest Submission (to PPQ)
- ☐ Data Collection, Document Review
- ☐ Monitoring Transit
- ☐ Reviewing Permits & Conditions
- ☐ PAX Penalties and Cargo violations issued

Example

International Aircraft Inspection

CBP agrees to:

- ❑ Inspect foreign arrival aircraft.
- ❑ Monitor catering and garbage compliance.
- ❑ Treat aircraft if live pests or soil found; notify PPQ.
- ❑ Properly dispose of seized and inspected agriculture contraband by grinding or movement to approved facilities, under appropriate safeguards for destruction.
- ❑ Initiate and maintain compliance agreements with establishments involved in the disposal and destruction of foreign garbage and agriculture products seized in passenger

Example

International Aircraft Inspection

- ❑ Calibrate steam sterilizers used for the destruction of foreign origin garbage (from aircraft), and other agriculture articles seized from passengers.
- ❑ Supervise cleaning and disinfecting of aircraft. Notify APHIS-Veterinary Services when live animals are present
- ❑ Provide training to military personnel
- ❑ PPQ agrees to:
- ❑ Provide the template for compliance agreements for caterer, cleaners, sterilizer

MOA Article 3

Functions Retained

- ❑ **Plant Inspection Stations (propagative material/ CITES)**
- ❑ **Pre-departure (PAX HI, PR)**
- ❑ **Commodity Pre-clearance**
- ❑ **Pest Identification**
- ❑ **Fumigations, Cold Treatments**
- ❑ **Trade Verification (SITC)**
- ❑ **Export Certification**
- ❑ **PD, Survey, Emergency Programs**

MOA Article 3

Functions Retained *CONT'*

- ❑ Risk Analysis, Methods,
- ❑ Permit Issuance
- ❑ Regs., Policy, Procedures, Guidelines
- ❑ Training
- ❑ Investigation/Adjudication Violations
- ❑ Managing AQI Perf. Meas. System
- ❑ Managing AQI User Fee Funds

CBP Officers & Agriculturists

- ❑ **Sep 03 DHS Announcement re CBP Officer**
 - ❖ **USC, INS, AG**
 - ❖ **Training**
- ❑ **CBP Agriculturists**
 - ❖ **Cargo, PAX**
- ❑ **Consultations with Congress and Stakeholders**
- ❑ **CBP Agriculturist Vacancies**

Status APHIS/CBP Agreements

Articles

- ❑ 2 & 3, Separation Agreement s/7/2/03
- ❑ 4 Training -- negotiating
- ❑ 5 Transfer of Funds -- negotiating
- ❑ 6- TDYs s/7/02/03
- ❑ 7a Regulatory Coordination
s/7/02/03
- ❑ 7b Policies & Procedures -- negotiating
- ❑ 8 Communication & Liaison -- negotiating
- ❑ Quality Assurance -- Joint Participation

Article 8

Communication and Liaison

- ❑ **Establish Contacts**
 - ❖ Liaison HQ – working well
 - ❖ PPQ Region -> DFO (To Be Determined)
 - ❖ PPQ SPHD/OIC -> CBP Port Director (TBD)
- ❑ **Share Information/Data**
- ❑ **PPQ Provide Notification**
- ❑ **CBP Provide Access**
 - ❖ POE, Data & Data Systems

COMMUNICATION CHALLENGE

Challenge: Work within communication protocols of CBP and APHIS

❑ GET THE JOB DONE

Examples:

- ❑ Targeting alerts
- ❑ National recalls (pine cones)
- ❑ Closing the border (Mexican citrus)
- ❑ Data Analysis

SHARING of DATABASE

- ❑ PPQ has shared databases for work accomplishments, regulated cargo examinations, emergency action notifications
- ❑ PPQ needs access to
 - ❖ CBP Automated Targeting system
 - ❖ Automated Cargo and Manifest Systems
 - ❖ Treasury Enforcement Communication System
 - ❖ Cargo Enforcement, Reporting and Tracking System
 - ❖ Others

MOA Article 7

- ❑ **USDA Dev Regs, Policies, Procedures**
- ❑ **USDA Provide copies and training**
- ❑ **DHS will exercise & enforce functions per guidelines**
- ❑ **USDA consults w/DHS re: new regs, policies, & guidelines**
- ❑ **DHS consults w/USDA re: new CBP directives & guidelines for CBP AI employees**

QUALITY ASSURANCE

“We are rowing one boat”

**WE SUCCEED TOGETHER OR WE FAIL
(SINK) TOGETHER**

Quality Assurance Mission Statement

**APHIS PPQ, in partnership with
DHS-CBP-AI, will develop and
validate measures and identify
risk management strategies to
enhance port of entry
agricultural safeguards.**

GOALS

To determine whether identified animal/plant health risk are being addressed and mitigated

To ensure the effectiveness of USDA-PPQ policies, regulations and directives at Ports of Entry

PPQ – emphasis on outcomes

DHS – emphasis on operations

Appendix to Article 6

Cooperation (TDYs)

- ❑ HQ Establish Contacts
- ❑ PPQ- Requests in writing-specifics
- ❑ PPQ- Costs, Liability, Training
- ❑ CBP- try to provide sufficient #s
- ❑ CBP - track requests & coordinate process
- ❑ Priorities (Missions, Code red)

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

- ❑ Volunteer System
- ❑ PPQ Rapid Response Team: Special Skills
 - ❖ (80/40) (50% went to DHS)
- ❑ Domestic/Emergency TDY Roster: Coverage
 - ❖ (410/97) (76% to DHS)
- ❑ Maintain Specialty/Skills Inventory

EMERGENCY PROGRAMS - TDY

Have used CBP for

- ❑ Exotic Newcastle (CA, NV, AZ)
- ❑ Mexican Fruit Fly (CA, TX)
- ❑ Sapote Fruit Fly (TX)

LIASION ISSUES

- ✓ Chief Liaison-
Operations, POE
Access
- ✓ Quality
Assurance
- ✓ Funding
- ✓ IT, Data Access
- ✓ Data Collection
- ✓ Regulatory
Coordination
- Science &
Technology
- Policies and
Procedures
- Investigations &
Penalties
- TDYs
- Trade
- Training

EXAMPLES of COOPERATION

- ❑ Military munitions clearance
- ❑ Pine Cones
- ❑ Targeting
- ❑ Italian marble policy

DHS CBP & STAKEHOLDERS

- ❑ NASDA & NPB are DHS Stakeholders
 - ❖ DHS attended meetings
- ❑ DHS met w/ Farm Bureau
- ❑ Ag Committee & Staff
- ❑ PPQ Stakeholder Meeting- December